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## City Of Las Vegas Celebrates Arbor Day April 27 At Hadland Park

*Sunrise Acres Elementary School Students To Plant Tree With Councilman Coffin At 9:30 A.M.*

Las Vegas Ward 3 Councilman Bob Coffin, Las Vegas City Manager Betsy Fretwell, second-grade students from Sunrise Acres Elementary School and their teacher Faby Kruthaupt and Principal Margarita Gamboa will plant a thornless honey mesquite tree starting at **9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, in Hadland Park** in honor of Arbor Day. Councilman Coffin also will present a proclamation from the mayor and City Council. The park is located at 2600 E. Stewart Ave.

During the event, Cayenne Engel, a resource management officer with the Nevada Division of Forestry, will present the city with a Tree City USA flag. This marks the 24<sup>th</sup> year Las Vegas has earned this recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation because of the city's program to care for community trees.

Students from Sunrise Acres Elementary School will perform "With My Own Two Hands" by Ben Harper, accompanied by third-grade teacher Randal Hennemuth on guitar.

"I am looking forward to sharing this tree planting with the youth of Sunrise Acres Elementary School," Councilman Coffin said. "We'll be educating the youth while we plant a hardy, fast-growing tree that thrives in heat and drought. Adding drought-tolerant trees is part of the city's sustainability plan."

The city of Las Vegas has an ongoing program to plant trees in our community and in our parks. The city established a tree ordinance in 1950. Today, city staff work closely with community volunteers who participate in the program to plant and maintain trees. Trees enhance air quality, reduce energy consumption and costs, reduce erosion, provide shade and renewable resources, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, increase property values, beautify our community and benefit the environment overall.

Free brochures regarding tree selection, tree planting and tree care are available to download at <http://www.treesaregood.org/> and <https://www.arborday.org/>.

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